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ingredients, wherein said strain is selected from the group consisting of *Streptococcus intermedius* and *Streptococcus constellatus*.

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3. (Twice Amended) A composition comprising a daidzein-containing substance and at least one strain of microorganism capable of metabolizing daidzein to equol as essential ingredients, wherein said strain is selected from the group consisting of *Streptococcus* E-23-17, which has been deposited as FERM BP-6436, and *Streptococcus* A6G-225, which has been deposited as FERM BP-6437.

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~~10. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 9, wherein the food~~
composition is selected from the group consisting of a drink, dairy product, and fermented milk.